

# WEATHER

Fair tonight. Saturday unsettled, with little change in temperature; moderate southerly winds.

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Thousands Visit Polo Grounds to See Fourth Battle of Giants and Red Sox.

GAME PLAYED ON FIELD SOAKED BY HEAVY RAIN

Commission Does Not Decide to Play Contest Until Nearly Noon.

BOSTON FANS ARE OVERJOYED

Probability That Tris Speaker's Injured Ankle Would Keep Star Out of the Line-Up Is Dismissed.

LINE-UP FOR TODAY'S GAME.

BOSTON AMERICANS: Right field, Tris Speaker; Second base, Harry Sawyer; Center field, George Burns; Left field, Fred Clarke; Pitcher, Walter Johnson.

NEW YORK NATIONALS: Left field, Doyle; Second base, Edd Roush; Center field, Fred Clarke; Right field, Fred Clarke; Pitcher, Walter Johnson.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, October 11.—Sudden clouds that made a constant threat of rain failed to dampen the ardor of thousands of New York baseball enthusiasts, who flocked out to the Polo Grounds today to see the fourth game of the world's series between the New York Nationals and the Boston Americans.

The national commission did not decide to play the game until a few minutes before noon, when Umpire O'Loughlin reported that while the playing field was very soggy a game could be played if no more rain fell.

Ten thousand "fans" waited for hours in a long line, that extended for many blocks from the Polo Grounds, until the gates were opened.

Umpires Test the Field.

A heavy rainfall during the night made a slow playing field. Umpires Klem and O'Loughlin walked around the base path and tested the ground, after which they telephoned Chairman Garry Herrmann of the national commission that the game could be played if no more rain fell.

The commission decided that it would be best to wait until the morning, when the field would be tested again. The usual batting practice followed.

Outfield Soaked and Slippery.

An hour and a half before the game began the sky screened with dull gray clouds, and there was a suspicion of mist in the air.

The infield was in fairly good condition for playing, but the outer grounds were soaked from the rainfall and very slippery.

The enthusiasm of the crowd seemed without limit. There were cheers for every player, and for every long drive that was made in batting practice. The crowd was a sea of heads, and the players were seen for hours in the waiting line, and when the gates were flung open they were as eager as the men in the rush to obtain the best positions for seeing the game. A brass band piped merrily as the crowd poured into the stands.

The Red Sox "fans" were overjoyed at the announcement that Tris Speaker would be able to play, his ankle having improved.

Betting on Series Now Even.

Marquand's development into a factor in the series was a source of much speculation to local fans today. The Giant lefthander "got away" with his game, whereas Collins, the Red Sox southpaw, failed. Giant followers pointed out; and it is believed McGraw expects to use Marquand again at the earliest opportunity.

The Boston players, however, said they consider Wood has a better chance than Tesreau to win his next game, and they expected that the players are already more than ready to play.

Brilliant Fielding Practice.

All the seats in the lower grandstand were filled twenty minutes before the game began, and the late comers had to stand in the aisles back of the last row. The backfield bleachers were nearly filled to capacity, there being only a few bare benches left.

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